

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A manifold for a water purification system having a boiling tank, comprising:

a body having a water inlet port for connection to a water supply, a water exit port, a first fluid passage connecting the water inlet port to the water exit port, a drain inlet port for connection to the boiling tank, a drain outlet port, a second flow passage connecting the drain inlet port to the drain outlet port, and a third flow passage connecting the first flow passage with the second flow passage so that hot water from the boiling tank may be mixed with cooler water from the water inlet port within the second flow passage within the body, the second and third flow passages each defining a longitudinal axis, and the two longitudinal axes are disposed at a shallow angle with respect to each other.

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3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The manifold according to claim 1, wherein the angle is about 8 degrees.

4. (ORIGINAL) The manifold according to claim 1, further including a valve connected to the body and configured to selectively control flow in the first fluid passage between the water inlet port and the water exit port.

5. (ORIGINAL) The manifold according to claim 1, further including a valve connected to the body and configured to selectively control flow in the second fluid passage between the drain inlet port and the drain outlet port.

6. (ORIGINAL) The manifold according to claim 1, further including a valve connected to the body and configured to selectively control flow in the third fluid passage between the first flow passage and the second flow passage.